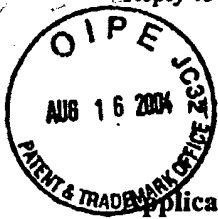


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner,

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2004, please consider this Amendment and Response:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as indicated in the attached Appendix A commencing on page 6.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

The Examiner has kindly recommended that the Applicant consider amending the claims to either claim a system including both structural components of the apparatus and the chemical components in the apparatus, or a method. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 4, and added new claims 5 through 10. All of the claims are now method claims. None of the new claims add new matter to the application.

The claim rejections made by the Examiner are believed to be traversed by the amendments made to the claims. As the Examiner stated, "[Claiming the method] would help the applicant in distinguishing their potential invention over the prior art." Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner find all of the claims now in condition for allowance.

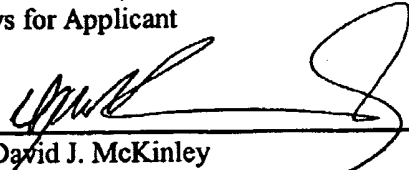
If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would be of value in expediting the allowance of the pending claims, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number listed below. If it is believed that any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. (Reference #60586-300601).

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